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In the Specification

Page 1, please insert after "This is a" the following -divisional application of the --; and insert after "application" the following -- Serial No. 08/487,799, filed on June 7, 1995, allowed, which is a continuation-in-part--.

Page 7, line 26, delete "the" and insert --the-- before "mutated";